



MEMORANDUM

April 17, 2013

TO: Planning Commission

FROM: Cindy Kebba, Planner III *CK*

VIA: *DL* David Levy, Chief of Long Range Planning

SUBJECT: Meeting of April 24, 2013 – Continuation of Public Hearings

- *Rockville's Pike Plan* – Revised Draft for Planning Commission – Public Hearing
- Rockville Pike District Zone – Public Hearing

On March 20, the Planning Commission held Public Hearings on 1) the revised draft plan and 2) suggested zoning revisions to implement some of the plan policies. The two documents are available for public review on the City's Web site at www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike. Printed copies are available to review at City Hall and at the Rockville and Twinbrook libraries.

The hearings will be continued on **April 24** and **May 22**. Persons wishing to testify are encouraged to sign up by calling Community Planning and Development Services at 240-314-8200 by 4:00 p.m. on the day that they wish to speak, but advance sign-up is not required. People calling to sign up are asked to provide their name and address, and indicate if they will be providing testimony at the public hearing on the draft plan, or the public hearing on the zoning, or if they intend to comment at both hearings.

Individuals will have three minutes to provide oral testimony for the plan, and three minutes for the zoning revisions. Those representing established and recognized groups will have five minutes for each. Such groups include community organizations, homeowners associations, governmental bodies, business associations, or boards or commissions. Oral testimony may be provided only once per individual or group for the plan and once for the zoning, across all three hearing dates. Ground rules for the Public Hearings are available at: http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillespike/PC_PikeHearingGroundRules.pdf

The Commission opened the Public Record for written comments on both documents on March 1. Written testimony may be submitted at rockvillepikeplan@rockvillemd.gov or to the Planning Commission, c/o Cindy Kebba, Community Planning and Development Services, City of Rockville, 111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20850. **Those submitting testimony should provide their name and address and should state if their comments are in reference to the plan or to the zoning.** Testimony received by the Commission will be posted on the City's Web site on a regular basis.

The final opportunity to testify in person before the Planning Commission will be May 22. The Planning Commission has set **May 31, 2013** as the final date for submitting written comments and for closing the Public Record for both documents. Following the closing of the Records, the Planning Commission will review all of the testimony and provide final direction to staff.

The Planning Commission Draft of the Rockville's Pike Plan will then be transmitted to the Mayor and Council to begin that body's review and approval process, which will include further opportunities for public input. It is anticipated that the recommended changes to the City Zoning Code will be transmitted to the Mayor and Council with the draft plan.

Public Outreach

Since February 21, staff has met with the following community groups, boards and commissions, and organizations to present the revised plan and proposed zoning and information on how to provide testimony:

West End Citizens Association, 2/21/13
Rockville Economic Development, Inc. (REDI) Board, 2/22/13
Rockville Chamber of Commerce, 2/26/13
Americana Condominium Board, 2/26/13
Twinbrook Citizens Association, 2/26/13
Traffic and Transportation Commission, 2/26/13
Potomac Woods Community Association, 2/27/13
King Farm Civic Association, External Affairs Committee, 3/4/13
Rockshire Civic Association, 3/7/13
Environment Commission, 3/7/13
Lincoln Park Civic Association, 3/9/13
East Rockville Civic Association, 3/12/13
New Mark Commons Homeowners Association, 3/13/13
Fallsgrove Homeowners Association, 3/21/13
Historic District Commission, 3/21/13
Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee, 4/3/13
Rockville Housing Enterprises, 4/17/13
Senior Citizens Commission, 4/18/13 (scheduled)
Woodley Gardens Civic Association, 5/2/13 (scheduled)
College Square, 5/14/13 (scheduled)

In addition, staff has met with individual citizens and with property owners and their representatives upon their request. Staff will continue to meet with individuals, property owners, community groups, boards and commissions, and other organizations through May.

Attachments

1. Written testimony received from March 14, 2013 through April 16, 2013
2. Transcript of March 20, 2013 Public Hearing testimony
3. Testimony Summary Matrix (includes summaries of written and oral testimony)

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